

CoNNGI - Coordinamento Nazionale Nuove Generazioni Italiane (CoNNGI - National Coordination of the New Italian Generations)

In 2014 the General Directorate for Immigration and Integration Policies - Ministry of Labour and Social Policies launched a call for proposals through the Migrants Integration Portal. This initiative gave start to the project **“Filo diretto con le seconde generazioni”** (**“Direct Line with Second Generations”**), which saw the participation of more than **30 associations of youth with a migratory background** throughout the whole national territory. The main aim of the project was to make the mentioned associations and their requests known more in depth, and to develop a common space for debate and collaboration.

Through four meetings held in Rome and a Web-Community, the associations had the opportunity to share their analyses and experiences and co-plan a ***Manifesto (2014)***, organized around four scopes of action: school, work, culture and sport, active participation and citizenship. The Manifesto provided many practical proposals addressed to all stakeholders.

Subsequently, the associations participating in the initiative developed a plan, in a coordinated manner, aimed at making the *Manifesto* known to institutions, bodies, national and international organizations cognizant as regards migration, integration, youth policies. Therefore, all the analyses, requests and proposals in the document were divulged and promoted through the media and social networks of reference, and presented to institutions and stakeholders through a series of meetings. In fact, among the latter, the *Manifesto* was presented: to the Minister of Labour and Social Policies Giuliano Poletti on the occasion of the Conference **“Gli attori dell’integrazione”** (**“Integration actors”**); to the President of the Senate, Hon. Pietro Grasso, and to the Director General of UNAR, Counc. Marco De Giorgi; during a special programme broadcasted by Radio Sapienza on the occasion of the **Settimana d’Azione contro il Razzismo** (Action Week against Racism); at the first **Conferenza Provinciale sull’immigrazione, i giovani e le seconde generazioni** (Provincial Conference on Immigration, Youngsters and Second Generations) at the University of Milano Bicocca - Faculty of Social Sciences, Immigration Policies Laboratory; as well as at the **Centro Incontro Regione Piemonte**, in collaboration with Cie Piemonte and Ires Piemonte.

In 2016, over 20 associations of the *Filo diretto* network decided to start a new operational phase launching the creation of a **national coordination with the aim to represent the associations of youth with a migratory background in an organized manner**, both at national and international level. At the same time, the associations worked on an **updated version of the 2014 Manifesto** reasserting the scopes of action deemed important from the very outset: school, work, culture, sport, participation. Among the novelties of the 2016 Manifesto, its title **“Manifesto delle Nuove Generazioni Italiane”** (**“Manifesto of the New Italian Generations”**), a more inclusive definition considering the complex reality represented, as well as the introduction of the issue on citizenship and political representation.

CoNNGI - Coordinamento Nazionale Nuove Generazioni Italiane was established on 14 October 2016. The supporting associations signed a Memorandum of Understanding, thus accepting the contents of the *2016 Manifesto*, within whose scope CoNNGI realizes its activities.

CoNNGI’s main aims are: the promotion of a new approach towards inclusion and participation policies capable of paying more attention to the new generations’ real needs; the creation and

consolidation of relationships with institutions and organizations; the promotion of a fruitful exchange among the associations representing youth with a migratory background so as to carry out an organized representation of the same at national and international level, through activities based on the principles and priorities stated in the *Manifesto*.

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